

**Healthy Planet = Healthy Kids  
Preventing Pollution in 2000**

Pollution Prevention Week

Joint Resolution

September 18-24, 2000

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**WHEREAS**, the Northeastern State Environmental and Public Health Commissioners and Directors and the EPA New England and Region 2 Administrators believe that preventing pollution is critical to improving the health status of children in the Northeast Region because they are key to our future;

**And, WHEREAS**

- C** a clean environment and safe food are critical to our children's health and well being;
- C** children are particularly vulnerable to the health risks of a polluted environment, including contamination of our air, water, soil, and food supply;
- C** there have been significant increases in the incidence of certain childhood illnesses, especially asthma, in the Region that have been demonstrated to be aggravated by air pollution and other environmental contaminants;
- C** persistent and toxic environmental contaminants, including lead and mercury, continue to pose significant health threats to children in the Northeast;
- C** pollution prevention is a safe and cost effective way of reducing the health risks to children;
- C** schools, health care organizations, businesses, communities, and parents can undertake a number of preventive measures to address environmental health threats to children;
- C** schools and other institutions can pro-actively purchase environmentally preferable materials and products to eliminate the use of those that can cause potential harm;
- C** health care providers can educate their patients about environmental health threats, especially lead and mercury exposure, and the preventive steps that parents can take;
- C** businesses, institutions, and communities can reduce their use of hazardous materials and generation of hazardous waste;

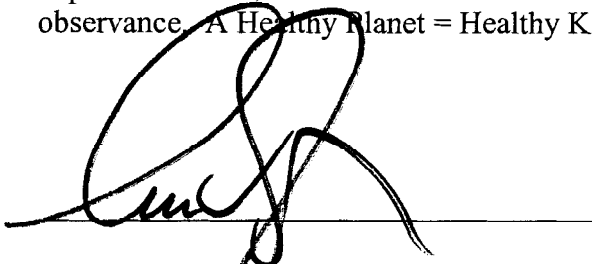
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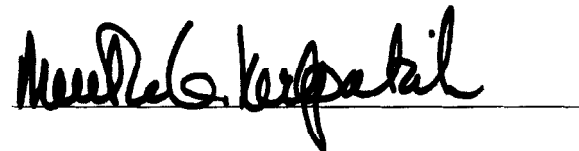
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- C communities can adopt integrated pest management practices to reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides and can alert parents when pesticide spraying is scheduled to occur in public areas to minimize children's exposure; and
- C everyone can help improve air quality and reduce asthma by limiting individual vehicle use and taking advantage of clean forms of public transportation, where available.


**THEREFORE**, Environmental and Public Health officials in the Northeast, hereby proclaim September 18-24, 2000 as Pollution Prevention Week and encourage all citizens to join in this observance. A Healthy Planet = Healthy Kids and we need both for a safe and prosperous future.



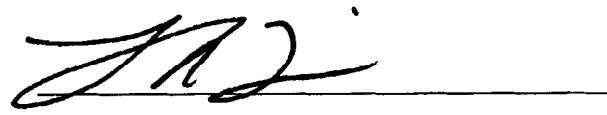
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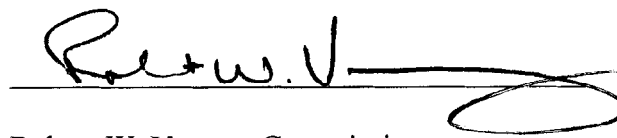
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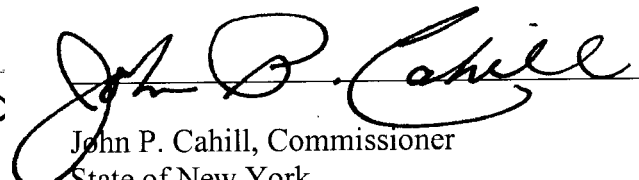
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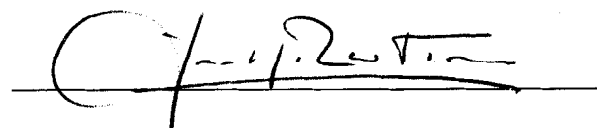
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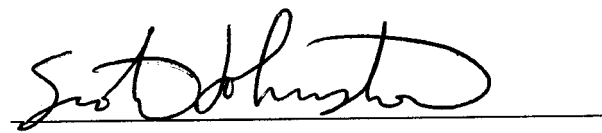
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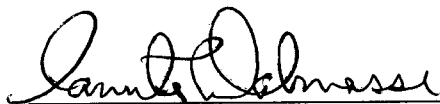
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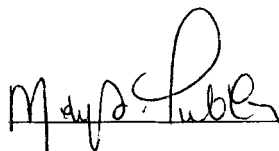
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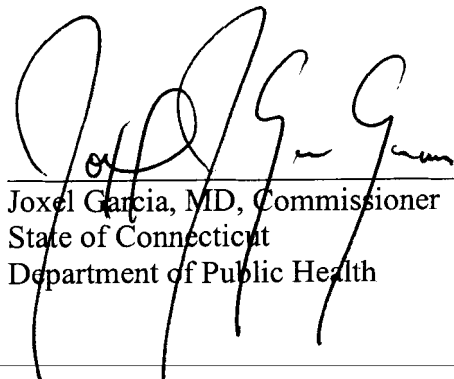
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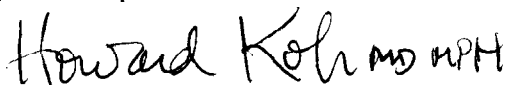
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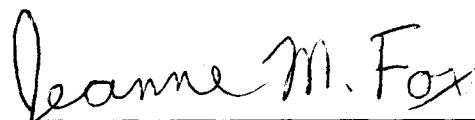
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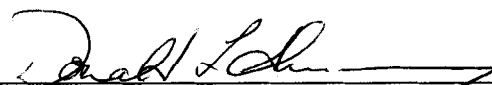
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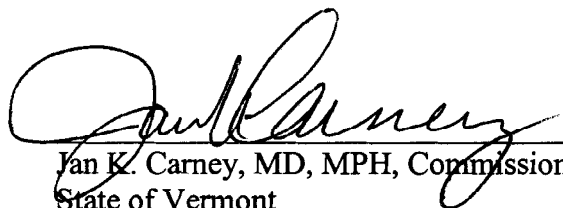
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